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The Honorable R. G. Freeman III
 Administrator
 General Services Administration
 Washington, DC 20403

Dear Doc:

The President's memorandum of February 1, 1980, directs agencies to contact you if a 10 percent mileage reduction for February and March jeopardizes essential missions and also if there is difficulty in establishing base line mileage figures. Although we will exceed a 10 percent reduction for the year, we cannot achieve a 10 percent reduction for February and March without jeopardizing our mission. Further, as developed below, the dynamics of our policies and procedures in support of energy conservation presently preclude stable base line statistics.

The Agency has been continuously responsive to all of the President's directives to reduce energy consumption. Therefore, our policies and procedures have been dynamic over the past several years, with procedural changes accelerating most over recent months. These changes have made it impossible to establish base line figures that may be subsequently used to compare trends and measure success in meeting conservation goals. Examples of changes implemented by the Agency that preclude the establishment of realistic base line data follow:

- * Ours is not an energy-intensive Agency. We have a relatively small motor pool and trucking operation, but for the most part, this Agency has relied heavily on the use of private automobiles for official domestic travel. As you know, our buildings are widely dispersed throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Public transportation is extremely limited or nonexistent between our buildings, Capitol Hill, the White House, and other Federal buildings. As gasoline becomes more scarce and costly, employees are looking to the Agency for transportation to meet official needs. The use of our motor pool vehicles is increasing, along with requests for more frequent and extensive shuttle bus services. These trends are significant and compel us to

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provide adequate bus and motor pool service as the only viable alternatives. While the mileage of FOV's has dropped 45 percent over the past two years, it has resulted in increased mileage for the subset of vehicles the President is monitoring - government-owned and -leased vehicles.

- Secondly, we have achieved over this past year a 42 percent reduction in the gasoline consumed in our trucking operations. Although the high percent reflects some conversion from gasoline engines to diesel, a significant reduction was also realized through aggressive management to minimize fuel consumption by advanced planning and the reduction or consolidation of trips.
- Recently, we embarked on a program with your Agency, and we are grateful for your support, to provide our domestic field employees with GSA-leased vehicles to conduct their official business. Our experiences on the West Coast last summer made clear the adverse impact of the gasoline shortage on our ability to do business. We believe the program we have initiated will be more cost-effective and will result in a considerable fuel savings, approximately 36 percent because of the use of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

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J - In summary, we have exceeded a 10 percent reduction in mileage for 1979 over 1978. The stabilization of the initiatives identified above will lead to the establishment of base line figures which may be used to measure and compare future trends for saving energy. I also add in this same vein that the Agency has long realized that significant savings may be realized in logistical support and energy through consolidation of our facilities at our McLean location. To realize these savings and also to realize increases in effectiveness, efficiency, and morale, the Agency has, over the past year, completed feasibility studies including the costs, benefits, and procedures associated with consolidation. Energy conservation may soon become the criteria that clearly tips the balance of tradeoffs toward facility consolidation.

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1 - letter concerns GSA-leased motor vehicles.

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